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In re Application of: Douglas ALLARD

Group Art Unit: 3673

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SYSTEM WITH ADJUSTABLE  
DEFLECTOR RING

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Petition For Extension of Time Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136

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Sir:

It is hereby requested that the period for responding to the outstanding Final Office Action be extended three months from **February 25, 2004** to **May 25, 2004** by the filing of this Petition and fee payment.

The petition fee (37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a)) is believed to be \$475.00 for a three-month extension for a small entity. Fee payment is provided in our accompanying check. However, if extensions of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 other than those provided herewith are required to prevent abandonment of the present patent application, then such extensions of time are hereby

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The U.S. Patent and Trademark Office is hereby authorized to charge any fee deficiency,  
or credit any overpayment, to our Deposit Account No. **08-3038** referencing docket number  
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Respectfully Submitted,

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